

November 2, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:10 p.m.
Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees, Michael R. Middaugh, Brian T. Perry and Darrin L. Folger; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Tammy Kelley, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sarah Michel, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, Chief Richard Lauricella and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Perry seconded by Folger that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	18,855.91
Electric Fund	\$	23,063.92
Water Fund	\$	11,916.10
Sewer Fund	\$	8,659.41
Capital Projects	\$	600.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the following building permit be and hereby is approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Brian Perry	12 Stoneridge Ln	Update Patio Room	\$ 350.00
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ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Trustee Perry abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Penelope Raduns	9 Danita Dr	Windows	\$ 100.00
Ruth Brown	3 Danita Dr	Windows	\$ 50.00
John Hayden	23 Brooklyn St	Deck	\$ 60.00
John O'Donnell	22 Wesley Dr	Roof	\$ 50.00
Patrick McCann	12 Bloomingdale Ave	Bathroom Addition	\$ 210.00
James Kingsland	28 Clinton St	Porch Roof	\$ 50.00
Michael Caporoso	37 Clinton St	Shed	\$ 80.00
John Asmus	15 Monroe St	Garage Roof	\$ 50.00
Thea Wheeler	70 East Ave	Roof	\$ 50.00
Margaret Francis	42 Brooklyn St	Roof	\$ 50.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the following Applications for a Dumpster Permit be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of permit fee:

Gloria Rembas Estate	63 Buell St	Temporary	\$ 50.00
Thea Wheeler	70 East Ave	Temporary	\$ 50.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – Public Hearing scheduled for November 16, 2020 regarding the amendment of Chapter 165, Section 36, Paragraph L of the Code of the Village of Akron.

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Janet Lindquist came before the Board to question the purchase of a Village property by the Code Enforcement Officer. Attorney Borden stated that the Code Enforcement Officer may have purchased the property, but as a Community Member, not in the roll of Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Akron. The Board is currently in the process of securing a back-up Code Enforcement Officer to handle any permits or inspections that will create a conflict for the current Code Enforcement Officer.

Jacob from the Akron Chamber of Commerce came before the Board to notify and request permission to hold the annual Christmas Celebration and Moonlight Shopping on December 12, 2020. Due to Covid-19 the celebration will be a little different with a possible Car, Police Car, Fire Truck parade at 4:00 pm all decorated with lights, selling of Christmas trees, decorating Russell Park with lights. The Celebration Committee is still in the planning stages.

PROJECT REPORTS –

CDBG – ADA Sidewalk Aprons/Crosswalks – Nothing new.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Nothing new.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – commended the Community/Residents for adhering to the social distancing and mask wearing protocol during Halloween.

CLERK – submitted report for October 2020. Reported: Collected 1,177 Tax Bills in the amount of \$1,059,733.38 (96.93%). Any remaining unpaid taxes after November 2, 2020 will be relevied to Erie County; Welcomed Lynne Folger to our Village Office Staff on October 13, 2020. She is currently training with Sarah and Felicia on Payables, Utility Billing, input of Utility Payments, Daily Deposits and daily miscellaneous duties; Worked along with Public Works Manager Jon Cummings to put together the application for the CDBG Project #1 – Skyline Waterline Loop and CDBG Project #2 – Jackson Street Sidewalk; Submitted the CDBG Paperwork Project #3 Rural Transit Van Service done jointly with the Towns of Newstead and Clarence for the years 2021-2022; Attended the virtual IEEP Meeting on October 20, 2020; One of the three exterior doors (Police Entrance) was installed on October 22, 2020, The other two will be installed after November 3, 2020 when all the voting is completed; Sarah Michel and I sat with Tammy as she completed a payroll for training purposes; Attended the Electric Committee meeting on October 26, 2020; Attended the virtual NYMPA Semi-Annual Meeting on October 28, 2020; The Village Hall is hosting the Early Voting from October 24 – November 1, 2020.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for October 2020 and schedule for November 2020. Reported: New Part-time Officer Jonathan Wolcott has been trained at ACS and Patrol; Halloween went well; School events have gone well; Winter parking regulations are in effect; all vehicle maintenance is up to date.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: Assisted in the Cedar Street clogged pipe issue in the Town of Newstead; completed the installation of the new 18” storm pipe on Lewis Rd; leaf pickup continues; reviewed bucket truck information; attended the NYMPA Semi-Annual Meeting on October 28, 2020.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – reported: submitted report for October 2020. Paid Fire Inspections are almost complete; Skyline Drive vehicles are all registered.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Board Members received report from Chief Haist for October 2020. Chief Haist reviewed the report during the earlier Work Session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – reported: informed the Board at the earlier Work Session of the Electric Committee updates regarding the Engineering Proposal from S&S Engineering for Linebackers and possible third transformer, as well as the purchase of the new bucket truck for the Electric Department.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Welcomed new part-time Police Officer Jonathan Wolcott who will be assigned in the School as well as patrol; waiting for the Fire Chief to set up a meeting with the Town of Newstead.

Mayor Patterson – reported: Agreed with Attorney Borden’s comments about Halloween; thanked the SRO’s and Security Officers for what they do every day in the School; Thanked Jon and the DPW for the help on Cedar Street and the great work done on Lewis Rd; Also thanked Danny Kowalik for all his help as our Village Emergency Service Manager during this pandemic. Lastly, requested an Executive Session regarding Personnel.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: absent.

Trustee Folger – reported: Nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue/ 43 East Avenue Village Land – Andy Borden and Herm Clouse spoke at the earlier Work Session on behalf of the Akron Rotary Club offering their help with shelter ideas and financing of portion of the project.

Splash Pad – Nothing new.

Cedar Street – Electrical/Trees/Sidewalks – Nothing new.

Chicken Law – Public Hearing scheduled for November 16, 2020 at 7 pm.

Agreement with Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm System – Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh to allow the transfer of \$13,509.02 from Street Repair Reserve to Capital Streets Money Market for payment of Tiger Striping invoice in the amount of \$3,000.00 and the balance of Suit Kote invoice in the amount of \$10,509.02 after the allocation of all the CHIPS funds be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE

DARRIN L. FOLGER - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh to allow Sewer Plant Operator Robert J. Lucia to carry over 85.5 hours of vacation time which includes the contractual permitted 40 hours overage to be used by January 23, 2021 be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry to approve payment to LED Lighting Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$18,500. For caution lights for the Akron Central School Zone, Central Business Main Street Zone and a portable sign/light set-up as per the recommendation of the Electric Committee and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Perry to approve the payment to S&S Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$5,200.00 for the Electric Sub-Station Upgrade Engineering as per the recommendation of the Electric Committee be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

NYCOM Advocacy Update – Moratorium on Termination of Residential Utility Service.

Letter from Charter Communications notifying of rate increases.

Letter from Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. to request permission to use the Village portion of the bike path for the 2020-2021 snowmobiling season.

The Board had a few questions regarding the portion of the bike path by Brodie's Way and will table the request until the next Board Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2020 providing questions are answered.

Email from Lisa Lucenti from the Akron Central School Interact Club asking permission on behalf of the Interact Club and the Akron Rotary Club to do a door to door food drive throughout the Village. Bags/letters of explanation would be placed on doors on November 14th and bags would be collected on November 21st.

Letter from the Akron Chamber regarding the Christmas Celebration and Moonlight Shopping event scheduled for December 12, 2020.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger to allow the use of Russell Park and Village Streets and Police assistants by the Akron Chamber of Commerce and the Celebration Committee for a holiday event following all COVID-19 protocols be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

PUBLIC COMMENT – Retired Village Attorney and Resident, Don Shonn, asked the Board if something could be done at the new entrance/exit for the bike path on Buell Street. He recommended that the Village ask the Town if they could add signage/lighting to that spot the

same as what is currently at the Cummings Road crossing. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry to go into an executive session regarding personnel matters at 8:02 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger to come out of the executive session regarding personnel matters at 8:46 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

On motion of Perry and seconded by Middaugh at 8:47 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK